

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

March 10, 2020

7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. Minutes January 6, January 29 and February 11, 2020.
5. Mr. Tom Marinkovich requested time to speak on Monetary issues.
6. OPEN THE FLOOR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

7. Correspondence:

Letter from Washington County Board of Commissioners.

8. Old Business
9. New Business

Gerald Saksun: City Treasurer

Treasurer's report for the Month ending February 2020

Mayor Shorraw:

- A. Motion to conduct the first reading of an ORDINANCE APPROVING COLLECTION PROCEDURES AND ADOPTING INTEREST AND SCHEDULE OF ATTORNEY FEES AND CHARGES TO BE ADDED TO THE AMOUNT COLLECTED AS PART OF UNPAID MUNICIPAL CLAIMS FOR DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS as Bill No. 1 of 2020..
- B. Motion to approve an emergency repair of the Third Street sanitary overflow sewer and award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. WEC has recommended the contract be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, Morgan Excavating based on the bid price of \$161,518.75. Paid with Line Usage Fund.
- C. Motion to approve the appointment of Kevin Parker to the vacant position of Monessen City Controller to fill the unexpired term, pursuant to the Third Class City Code.
- D. Motion to approve the chief of police agreement by and between the City of Monessen and James B. Smith, Chief of Police for the period from January 6, 2020

until the City's Reorganizational meeting scheduled for the first Monday of January 2022.

- E. Motion to ratify and affirm the termination of Dodaro Matta and Cambest and Joseph R. Dalfonso as City Solicitor and to appoint Watson Mundorff & Sepic, LLP, and Timothy J. Witt as City Solicitor until the next reorganization meeting from the January 6, 2020 reorganization meeting.
- F. Motion to ratify and affirm the expiration and termination of Judith Taylor as City Administrator and to appoint John Harhai as City Administrator until the next reorganization meeting from the January 6, 2020 reorganization meeting.
- G. Motion to ratify and affirm the restriction to camera access from the January 6, 2020 reorganization meeting.
- H. Motion to rescind and cancel the motions to rescind the appointment of Brooke Farmer and to advertise for a vacant position on the Sewage Authority.
- I. Motion to approve Kare for My Kids Fly to host their annual Easter Egg hunt at the Monessen City Park on Saturday April 11, 2020 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
- J. Motion to advertise for an Accounting/Payroll Clerk.
- K. Police report

Councilwomen Lois Thomas:

- 1. Street Report
- 2. Public works department is clearing streets and sidewalks of weeds and debris as weather permits. This will continue throughout the year as weather and time permits.
- 3. All public works and police vehicles have been repaired and are in good operating condition.
- 4. The GPS units have been removed from all city vehicles, management will closely manage the work load going forward at an annual savings of \$3,600.
- 5. Library Report
- 6. Redevelopment Authority Report.

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski: Department of Parks and Public Properties

- 1. Parks Report
 - a. Columbus Park --Public Works crew has repaired the field house and concession stand, gutters and downspouts have been replaced or repaired.
 - b. The roof leak from 2019 has been caulked
 - c. The inside ceiling wall was replaced due to water damage.
 - d. All equipment has been checked and is operational.
- 2. City Park Field
 - a. Public works removed the pitching screen from the infield
 - b. The Concession Building and all equipment have be examined and are in good working order.
 - c. The stone wall at the upper parking lot has collapsed again. Public works crew is in the process of rebuilding the wall as weather permits.

Councilman Don Gregor: Department of Public Safety

1. Code Office Report
2. Code Office Financial Report
3. Fire Report
4. EMS Report

Councilman Gil Coles: Department of Accounts and Finance

1. Motion to approve payment of the list of bills.
2. The Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) The City of Monessen was denied the TAN note for the following reasons :
 - a. The instability of the leadership and the internal struggles taking place
 - b. Budget and past financials that we are having a very difficult time making any sense of.
 - c. Significant amount of long term debt on the books mostly attributed to bonds without a concise plan of repayment. However with all that said, our administrator has done a magnificent job of managing the monies.
3. Liquid Fuels Grant - \$284,000 City Administrator filed all the necessary paperwork and we should receive the funds in about a month
4. Department of Community and Economic Development (CDBG) Grant \$298,000. This money has restricted use.
5. Police and City Computer Systems have been upgraded for all computers. Updated computer to Microsoft 10 and doubled the band width to handle additional volume and increased speed. The police department covered all the police systems with DEA monies that was earned while working with the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration.
5. City Financial standing.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT

